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SUBJECT: GDR POLITBURO MEMBER ON CSCE

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1. SPEAKING ON SEPTEMBER 15 BEFORE AN ESTIMATED 120,000  
EAST BERLINERS ASSEMBLED BEFORE THE MONUMENT TO THE  
VICTIMS OF FASCISM AND MILITARISM ON UNTER DEN LINDEN  
TO OBSERVE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE VISTIMS OF  
FASCIST TERROR, SED POLITBURO MEMBER KUT HAGER GAVE  
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THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF STATEMENT BY GDR OFFICIALS ON

CSCE AND THE CURRENT STATE OF DETENTE. WHILE NOTING THAT THE SOCIALIST STATES HAD ACHIEVED A STEP-BY-STEP CHANGE FROM COLD WAR TO DETENTE, HAGER ISSUED THE NOW-FAMILIAR WARNING THAT THE OPPONENTS OF DETENTE WERE STILL ACTIVE IN THE IMPERIALIST STATES AND THAT "SUDDEN CHANGES" ("JAEHE WENDUNG", BY NOW A CATCH PHRASE IN PARTY JARGON) WERE ALWAYS POSSIBLE AND MADE VIGILANCE A CONTINUING NECESSITY FOR THE SOCIALIST BLOC. HAGER RITUALISTICALLY SINGLED OUT SECURITY AS THE KEY TO CSCE, PARTICULARLY THE ARTICLE ON INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS DIRECTED AGAINST ALL REVANCHIST DEMANDS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE FRG.

2. IN TAKING THE FAMILIAR TACK OF COUNTERPOSING THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY WITH INCREASING OPPOSITION TO THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT AMONG "OPPONENTS OF DETENT" IN THE WEST, HAGER NOTED THREE REASONS FOR THE "INCREASED ACTIVITY OF REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST AND NEOFASCIST CIRCLES" IN THE WEST: THE CONTRAST BETWEEN SOCIALIST PROGRESS AND THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM; THE DEFEAT OF "US IMPERIALISM AND ITS PUPPETS" IN VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA COUPLED WITH THE "END OF FASCISM" IN PORTUGAL AND GREECE; AND THE GROWING COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS IN ITALY, FRANCE AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. HAGER WAS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF THE FRG FOR "ANTICOMMUNIST AGITATION" IN ITS POLICY OF BANNING LEFTISTS FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND FOR TRAINING CHILEAN OFFICERS. HE ALSO ATTACKED PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES FOR ALLEGEDLY BREAKING WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN PORTUGAL AND GIVING THE COUNTERREVOLUTION A SIGNAL TO BEGIN ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN. OTHER VILLAINS IN THE PORTUGUESE PIECE WERE, AS ALWAYS, THE U.S., NATO, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, AND THE PEKING REGIME, ALL OF WHOM HAD INTERFERED WITH PORTUGUESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN SUPPORT OF THE REACTION. HAGER CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH BY RECALLING THOSE WHO HAD FALLEN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM AND IMPERIALISM AND CALLED FOR A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF SOCIALISM AND IMPROVEMENTS IN WORKERS' LIVES AS THE BEST FULFILLMENT OF THEIR LEGACY.

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3. COMMENT: HAGER'S SPEECH IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF GDR PRONOUNCEMENTS ON CSCE, THE MOST IMPORTANT BEING HONECKER'S AUGUST INTERVIEW IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND HIS SEPTEMBER 12 SPEECH TO THE GDR AIR DEFENSE UNITS, AND CONTAINED THE NOW-FAMILIAR REFERENCES TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY AND CONTINUED THREATS FROM THE WEST EMPLOYED BY THE GDR TO DAMPEN ANY EXPECTATIONS OF IMMEDIATE CHANGES THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AMONG THE EAST GERMAN POPULATION IN

THE WAKE OF CSCE. COOPER

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